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SUBJECT: PRIMIN KARAMANLIS' VISIT TO EGYPT

1. SUMMARY. GREEK PRIMIN KARAMANLIS RECEIVED HIGHEST LEVEL PRESS AND PROTOCOL TREATMENT DURING JANUARY 21-22 OFFICIAL VISIT (HE REMAINED TWO MORE DAYS UNOFFICIALLY). PRESIDENT SADAT WARMLY PRAISED STATE OF GREEK-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS AND KARAMANLIS PERSONALLY, AND REAFFIRMED GOE SUPPORT FOR MAKARIOUS. VISIT APPEARS TO HAVE PRODUCED SOME SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS IN COMMERCIAL FIELD (SEPTTEL). TURKS CAN TAKE LITTLE COMFORT FROM EXCELLENT STATE OF GOE-GOG RELATIONS AND SADAT'S DISREGARD FOR TURKISH FEELINGS IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. PRIMIN KARAMANLIS COMPLETED HIGHLY VISIBLE TWO-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT JANUARY 22. KARAMANLIS HELD TALKS WITH LEADING GOE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC MINISTERS INCLUDING PRESIDENT SADAT. IN INTERVIEW WITH GREEK JOURNALISTS SADAT SAID INTER ALIA:

QUOTE: OUR POLICY IS THAT WE SUPPORT MAKARIOS UNRESERVEDLY. WE WILL NEVER FORGET THE GREEK SUPPORT FOR OUR CAUSE SINCE 1956. WE WILL ABSOLUTELY NEVER FORGET THIS SUPPORT-- MY IDEA, UNCLASSIFIED

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WHEN DISCUSSING THE ISSUE WITH DR. KISSINGER, WAS THAT THE

SECOND PHASE OF THE TURKISH MILITARY OPERATION WAS COMPLETELY WRONG AND THESE FORCES MUST WITHDRAW FROM THIS SECOND PHASE TO MAKE A PEACEFUL SOLUTION POSSIBLE. UNQUOTE.

QUOTE: WE GREATLY ADMIRE PRIMIN KARAMANLIS AS A STATESMAN AND ADMIRE HIS FLEXIBILITY. WE ALSO ADMIRE OUR FRIEND PRESIDENT MAKARIOS..WE WILL NOT FORGET THE SUPPORT KARAMANLIS EXTENDED TO US DURING 1956 WHEN WE NATIONALIZED THE SUEZ CANAL. ALL FOREIGN PILOTS EXCEPT THE GREEKS WITHDREW. UNQUOTE.

QUOTE: WE REACHED FULL UNDERSTANDING ON EVERYTHING WE DISCUSSED. ... I LOOK FORWARD TO (VISITING GREECE) AND WE WILL FIX THE DATE LATER. UNQUOTE.

3. THROUGHOUT VISIT KARAMANLIS MADE NUMEROUS LAUDATORY STATEMENTS ABOUT SADAT, FULL IDENTITY OF VIEWS, AND BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR BILATERAL RELATIONS. MAIN POINTS IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE WERE:

A. -- PALESTINIAN PROBLEM WAS CORE OF CONFLICT IN ME AND THAT THE SOLUTION LAY IN RECOGNITION OF LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, INCLUDING THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION.

B. -- IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM ALL ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED AFTER JUNE 1967.

C. -- NECESSITY OF RESUMING TALKS BETWEEN THE GREEK AND CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES TO REACH A SOLUTION WHICH GUARANTEES INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, SOVEREIGNTY AND THE NON-ALIGNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS.

D.-- CALLED FOR FULL RESPECT OF THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT IN LEBANON AND RESUMPTION OF CONTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE PARTIES CONCERNED, THE NEED FOR THE RESTORATION OF STABILITY AND PEACE IN LEBANON WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ITS INDEPENDENCE, SECURITY AND NATIONAL UNITY.

E.-- ALL FOREIGN INTERFERENCE SHOULD BE STOPPED IN ANGOLA INCLUDING MILITARY INTERVENTION.

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F.-- NEW TRADE PROTOCOL BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAS BEEN INITIALLED AND WILL BE SIGNED BY THE MINISTERS OF TRADE OF THE TWO COUNTRIES (SEPTTEL).

G. -- AGREED ON CALLING THE JOINT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY THE TWO COUNTRIES TO MEET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ATHENS.

H.-- JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER THE SIGNING

OF A SPECIAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING GREEK MANPOWER IN EGYPT;
AN AGREEMENT FOR MARITIME COOPERATION WILL ALSO BE SIGNED.

I.-- PREMIER KARAMANLIS HAS EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO
PRESIDENT SADAT AND PREMIER MANDUH SALIM TO VISIT GREECE.
DATES WILL BE FIXED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.
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